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ELECTION AND RESPONSE**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 23 July 2004, which set a one-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, Applicant provides the following response. Applicant elects, with traverse, the exemplary species illustrated in Figures 1-4, and notes that at least Claims 1-8, 10, and 12 read on this elected species. The Office Action states that "claims 1-3 are generic"; Applicant respectfully submits that at least Claims 1-3 and 12 are generic to all of the disclosed species, upon which Applicant's traversal is based.

Favorable reconsideration, reexamination, and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully submits that this patent application is in condition for allowance. An early indication of the allowability of this application is therefore respectfully solicited.

If the patent examiner believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of the application to issue, they are invited to call on the number below.

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It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. If, however, additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees necessitated by this paper, and to credit all refunds and overpayments, to my Deposit Account 50-2821.

Respectfully submitted,

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